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The State Board of Psychological Examiners is composed of seven licensed professional psychologists, two qualified members of the public who are not psychologists, and one government representative. Each board member serves a term of three years.

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Professional Standards & Review

The public has the right to receive the highest level of professional care when seeking treatment by a licensed psychologist. The public's confidence in the profession is of critical importance to the State Board of Psychological Examiners. The Board protects New Jersey's citizens by setting standards, providing appropriate examination of licensees and monitoring the delivery of professional services.

Licensing

The State Board of Psychological Examiners reviews the education, work experience and other credentials of persons seeking a license to practice psychology in New Jersey. The Board ensures that potential licensees have easy access to information about licensing requirements, including educational criteria, application, written and oral testing procedures and experience requirements.

The State Board of Psychological Examiners can issue, suspend, or revoke a license, or bring suit against anyone who is practicing without a license. The Board can take appropriate administrative action against licensees for misconduct.



Regulation & Legislation

The State Board of Psychological Examiners may recommend legislation on any matter affecting licensing or regulation of the psychological profession and may issue regulations when there is substantial evidence that rules are necessary to solve demonstrated problems. These regulations have the force and effect of law.

Professional Testing

The State Board of Psychological Examiners is responsible for defining the essential eligibility requirements for licensure and to base evaluation of applicants and licensees on those eligibility standards. The Board assures that testing of professionals is fair, clear and a true measurement of essential skills.

Consumer Protection & Rights

One of the primary responsibilities of the State Board of Psychological Examiners is to ensure that the public's health, safety and welfare are protected. Consumers have a right

to expect fair dealing with the psychological profession and to have a resource for resolving and reporting professional misconduct. The Board provides the mechanism whereby consumers can have their complaints investigated.

Filing Consumer Complaints

Consumers may file their complaints directly with the State Board of Psychological Examiners. Once received by the Board, complaints will be acknowledged and examined to be sure that they are within the Board's jurisdiction and to determine whether additional information is required. The Board will then conduct an investigation appropriate to the nature of the complaint.

The Board's inquiry will result in a finding of either no cause for action or cause for further action. The further action could include a letter of admonishment or reprimand, or voluntary agreement to certain penalties for disciplinary action. Alternately, the Board may decide to proceed to a formal hearing which may result in suspension or revocation of a license.

